

Senate Resolution 1365

By: Senators Bulloch of the 11th and Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the 20th anniversary of the passage of House Bill 1422 by members of the 1990
2 General Assembly, which established Georgia's state-wide enhanced 9-1-1 system; and for
3 other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the enhancement of Georgia's 9-1-1 emergency telephone number system has
5 saved lives and reduced property damage since 1985, when the initial system first began
6 serving citizens in Athens-Clarke County; and

7 WHEREAS, by 1989, only 12 enhanced 9-1-1 systems were in place in Georgia, and local
8 government and public safety officials worked diligently to establish a state-wide enhanced
9 9-1-1 system, with emphasis on rural Georgia counties; and

10 WHEREAS, this groundbreaking legislation provided local governments with a means for
11 funding enhanced 9-1-1 systems with a locally approved user fee of up to \$1.50 per
12 telephone line and laid the foundation for the successful implementation of enhanced 9-1-1
13 systems in every county in Georgia, greatly improving public safety service, quality of life,
14 and the preservation of property; and

15 WHEREAS, being able to call just one phone number to obtain assistance emergency
16 personnel facilitates a fast response, while calls to 9-1-1 aid emergency responders by
17 automatically providing them with a callback number and location information; and

18 WHEREAS, enhanced 9-1-1 systems have helped Georgia's public safety professionals save
19 thousands of Georgians, reduced by millions of dollars the cost of property damage due to
20 fire, and helped ensure quick and timely responses to emergencies.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
22 recognize the 20th anniversary of the passage of House Bill 1422 and the incredible results
23 Georgia's state-wide enhanced 9-1-1 system has had upon countless lives.